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Agriculture & Rural Economic Development (786-7411)

Bob Lee, Staff Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7405

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Agricultural land
- Agricultural products
 - Production, sale, and marketing
- Food safety
- Commodity commissions

Sam Thompson, Staff Counsel - 786-7404

- Agricultural Loan programs
- Meat labeling and processing
- Anaerobic digesters
- Legal issues

Environment, Water & Energy

Wanda Cahill, Session Committee Assistant - 786-7411

(Committee Contact)

Early Learning & K-12 Education (786-7420)

Susan Mielke, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7422

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Basic education
- High school graduation requirements
- WASL

Kim Cushing, Staff Counsel - 786-7421

- Early learning
- K-12 safety & health
- Dropout issues

Brandon Roché Session Staff Counsel - 786-7405

- *Career & technical Education*
- *Local levies*
- *Various session assignments*

Judiciary Committee

Juliana Roe, Staff Counsel -786-7438

- Online learning
- Educator certification issues

Judiciary Committee

Susan Barbeau, Session Committee Assistant - 786-7420

(Committee Contact)

Economic Development, Trade & Innovation (786-7409)

Jack Brummel, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7428

(Lead Committee Contact)

- International relations and international trade
- Economic development incentives

- Technical assistance to businesses
- Tourism
- Economic and trade development strategies
- Total quality management
- Technology driven economic development

[Philip Brady, Session Staff Counsel - 786-7460](#)

- Various session assignments

[Financial Institutions , Housing & Insurance Committee](#)

[Justin Montermini, Session Committee Assistant -786-7409](#)

(Committee Contact)

Environment, Water & Energy (786-7406)

[Jan Odano, Staff Coordinator/Analyst -786-7486](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Biomonitoring (DOH)
- Climate Change (DOE, CTED, etc.)
- Energy
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (CTED)
 - Efficiency
- Hazardous Waste & Toxics Reduction (DOE)
- Health Assessments (DOH)
- Nuclear & Radioactive Waste (DOE, DOH, UTC)
- On-Site Sewage Systems (DOH)
- Toxics Cleanup (DOE)
- Waste Water Management (DOH)

[William Bridges, Staff Counsel - 786-7416](#)

- Climate Change (WCI, I-937)
- Energy
 - Bonneville Power Authority (BPA)
 - Nuclear
 - Reliability
 - Renewable
 - Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC)
 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
 - Private Utilities (Investor-Owned utilities--IOUs)
 - Transmission Siting
 - Solar
 - Public Utility Districts (PUDs)
- Pipeline Safety (UTC)
- Telecommunications

[Karen Epps, Staff Counsel - 786-7424](#)

- Water
 - Drinking (DOH)
 - Municipal
 - Private Water Companies (UTC)
 - Quality (DOE)

- Resources (DOE)
 - Shorelines Management Act (SMA)
- [Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation Committee](#)

[Sam Thompson, Staff Counsel - 786-7413](#)

- Air Quality (DOE)
- Puget Sound Cleanup (PSP, DOE, etc.)
- Spill Prevention & Response (DOE)
- Solid Waste & Recycling (DOE)

[Agriculture & Rural Economic Development](#)

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Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance (786-7408)

[Diane Smith, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7410](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Financing and insuring (car/homes)
- Housing
 - Sub-prime mortgage
 - Mobile and manufactured housing
 - Landlord-tenant act
- Consumer loan act
 - Mortgage brokers
 - Loan originators
- Insurance (life/property & casualty)
- Regulatory
- Insurance companies
 - Financial solvency
 - Market conduct
 - Claims & fraud
 - Securities
- Banking/Credit Unions
- Credit ratings and scoring
- Uniform Commercial Code

[Philip Brady, Session Staff Counsel - 786-7460](#)

- Housing
 - Condominium and homeowners' associations
 - Low-income housing

[Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee](#)

[Janis Rich, Session Committee Assistant - 786-7408](#)

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Government Operations & Elections (786-7408)

[Sharon Swanson, Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7447](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Elections

- Domestic Partnerships
- Annexation

[Aaron Gutierrez, Staff Counsel - 786-7448](#)

- Local government
- Zoning
- Public Records Act

[Edward Redmond, Session Staff Counsel - 786-7471](#)

- Growth management
- Veteran affairs
- Emergency management
- Open public meetings

[Catherine Nicolai, Committee Assistant - 786-7430](#)
(Committee Contact)

Health & Long-Term Care Committee (786-7432)

[Rhoda Donkin, Coordinator/Analyst - 786-7465](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Long Term Care
 - Elder care
 - Developmental disabilities
 - Long-term care program changes
 - Provider and facility regulation
 - Long-term care financing
 - Long-term care workforce
- Public Health
 - School based health care services
 - Emergency response
 - Health and safety regulation (not LTC or hospitals)
 - Environmental health
 - Wellness initiatives
 - Tobacco
 - Health disparities

[Mich'l Needham, Research Analyst - 786-7442](#)

- Health Care Financing/ Insurance –Public and Private
 - Health insurance access and regulation
 - Health plan contracting
 - Basic Health Plan
 - Medicaid/Medicare
 - Public employee benefits
 - Prescription drugs
 - Mental health parity
 - Blue Ribbon Commission
 - Health systems change

[Edith Rice, Staff Counsel - 786-7444](#)

- Health Care Consumer Protection
 - Health care privacy/medical records

- HIPAA
- Medical malpractice
- Guardianship
- Right to die
- Medical marijuana
- Vaccines
- Public Health
- Department of Health
- Health Care Regulation
 - Facility
 - ✓ Hospital licensing
 - ✓ Certificate of need
 - ✓ Advanced directives/guardianship
 - ✓ Health information technology
 - ✓ Regulating advanced technologies
 - ✓ Mental health facility regulation
 - Provider
 - ✓ Scope of practice
 - ✓ Prescriptive authority
 - ✓ Disciplinary procedures
 - ✓ Workforce issues

[Dorine Coleman, Committee Assistant - 786-7436](#)

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[Higher Education & Workforce Development \(786-7415\)](#)

[Aldo Melchiori, Staff Coordinator - 786-7439](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Public & independent baccalaureate colleges and universities
- Public community & technical colleges
- Private career schools
- Workforce training
- Financial aid
- Tuition
- Campus Safety
- Licensing of private colleges and career schools

[Wendy Janis Malkin, Session Counsel - 786-7434](#)

- Private career schools
- Workforce training
- Financial aid
- Tuition

[Transportation Committee](#)

[Alex Marple, Session Committee Assistant - 785-7415](#)

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Human Services & Corrections (786-7414)

Jennifer Strus, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7316

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Child welfare
- Child protection
- Truancy
- Becca bill
- TANF
- Juvenile justice
- Dissolution issues

Shani Bauer, Staff Counsel - 786-7768

- Department of Corrections
- Sex offenders
- Child support
- Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Kevin Black, Staff Counsel - 786-7747

- Mental health
- Dangerously mentally ill offender program
- Dissolution issues
- Truancy

Shana Bradley, Committee Assistant - 786-7407

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Judiciary (786-7455)

Lidia Mori, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7755

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Domestic violence
- DUI
- Motor vehicle related issues
- Eminent Domain
- New crimes & sentencing changes
- Laws pertaining to animals
- Tort reform
- General criminal and civil

Kim Johnson, Staff Counsel - 786-7472

- General civil and court related subject matter
- Motor vehicle related issues
- Landlord/Tenant

Brandon Roché, Session Staff Counsel - 786-7405

- Business law
- General civil
- Election related issues

Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee

Juliana Roe, Staff Counsel - 786-7438

- General criminal

- Changes pertaining to sentencing
- School related criminal issues

[Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee](#)

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[Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection \(786-7426\)](#)

[Mac Nicholson, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7426](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

- ESD – UI conformity
- ESD – Unemployment Compensation generally
- ESD – UI stimulus
- L&I – Retro
- L&I – Electricians/Plumbers
- L&I – Workers Compensation system generally
- L&I – Farm labor contracting
- Liquor

[Kathy Buchli, Staff Counsel - 786-7488](#)

- Collective Bargaining
- Human Trafficking
- L&I – Cranes
- L&I – Underground Economy
 - Definition of independent contractor
 - Contractor registration
- DOL – Regulation of professions
- Gambling
- Lottery
- Horse Racing

[Alison Mendiola, Staff Counsel - 786-7483](#)

- Consumer protection
- Payday lending
- Foreclosures
- Construction defects
- Mortgage Brokers

[Ingrid Mungia, Staff Counsel - 786-7423](#)

- ESD – Family Leave Insurance
- L&I – HVAC/R
- DOL – Regulation of professions
- Worker privacy
- Consumer protection
 - Novelty Lighters
 - EDR (Electronic Data Recording)
 - Tobacco
 - Piercing/tattooing

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Natural Resource, Ocean & Recreation (786-7419)

Curt Gavigan, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7437

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Fish & Wildlife
 - Fish & Shellfish
 - Fish habitat, Invasive Species & Ballast Water
- Coastal & Ocean Resources
- Aquatic Lands Management
- Granted Lands Management

Karen Epps, Staff Counsel - 786-7424

- Fish & Wildlife
 - Wildlife
 - Enforcement

Environment, Water & Energy

Sherry McNamara, Analyst - 786-7402

- DNR Regulatory Programs
 - Forest Practices
 - Forest Fire & Health
 - Geology: Mining, Oil & Gas
- Timber & Working Forest Lands
- Parks & Recreation

Tom Jackman, Session Committee Assistant - 786-7419

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Transportation (786-7300)

Kelly Simpson, Staff Coordinator/Counsel - 786-7403

(Lead Committee Contact)

- Policy Assignments
 - State and Regional Transportation Governance
 - Transportation Planning (including MPOs and RTPOs)
 - Performance and Accountability
 - Sound Transit
 - Local transit agencies
 - Special Purpose Districts

Janice Baumgardt, Fiscal Analyst -786-7319

- Budget Assignments
 - Washington State Ferries, Op & Cap
 - Department of Licensing – all programs
 - Marine Employee's Commission
- Policy Assignments
 - DOL
 - Drivers
 - Vehicles
 - Washington State Ferries

Amanda Cecil, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7429

- Budget Assignments

- Highway construction projects
- DOT—Toll Ops
- DOT—Program Mgmt & Support
- DOT—Highway Improvements
- DOT—Narrows Bridge
- DOT—Highway Maintenance
- DOT—Highway Preservation
- DOT—Traffic Ops
- DOT—Management
- DOT—Planning, Data & Research
- DOT—Facilities
- DOT—Information Technology
- Policy Assignments
 - Budget Systems
 - Transportation Executive Information System
 - WSDOT project reporting and financial systems

[Wendy Janis Malkin, Session Staff Counsel - 786-7434](#)

Budget Assignments

- DOT—Aviation
- DOT Public Transportation

Policy Assignments

- Rules of the Road
- Traffic Safety
- DOT Public Transportation
- Bicycles
- Motorcycles/Motor Scooters
- Other alternative transportation modes
- Special license plates

[Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee](#)

[Dory Nicpon, Fiscal Counsel - 786-7321](#)

- Budget Assignments
 - DOT—Rail, Op & Cap
 - WSP – all programs
 - Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Policy Assignments
 - Budget Counsel
 - Constitutional and Statutory Spending and Taxation Issues
 - Property and Right-of-Way Issues
 - Transportation Security Issues
 - REAL ID and legal presence
 - Traveler Security
 - Border Crossing
 - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
 - WSP
 - Passenger Vehicle Equipment
 - Law Enforcement Training & Policies

[David Ward, Budget Coordinator - 786-7341](#)

- Budget Assignments

- DOT—Local Programs, Op and Cap
- Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB)
- Transportation Improvement Board (TIB)
- County Road Administration Board (CRAB)
- Treasurer (Bond Retirement and Interest)
- Policy Assignments
 - Revenue Distributions
 - Revenue Forecasts
 - Statewide Taxes
 - Tax Administration and Collection
 - Fees
 - Fund Balances/ Financial Plans
 - Cities, Counties funding
 - Ports
 - Local Option Taxes
 - Bonds and other indebtedness
 - Tolls
 - Financial Plan
 - Public-Private Partnerships

[Natalie Zukowski, Committee Assistant - 786-7307](#)

- Budget Assignments
 - State Parks & Recreation
 - Archeology & Historic Preservation
 - JTC, LEAP, Auditor, OFM, Transportation Commission
 - Compensation/Pension/Health Benefits
 - Traffic Safety Commission
 - Department of Agriculture
- Policy Assignments
 - Traffic Safety

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[Ways & Means \(786-7715\)](#)

[Mike Wills, Staff Coordinator -786-7616](#)

(Lead Committee Contact)

[Bryon Moore, Operating Budget Coordinator - 786-7726](#)

- Operating Budget Issues

[Brian Sims, Capital Budget Coordinator - 786-7431](#)

- Bond Retirement and Interest
- Department of General Administration
- Local Government Assistance
- Municipal Research Council
- State Convention & Trade Center

[Megan Atkinson, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7446](#)

- Department of Services for the Blind
- DSHS - Alcohol and Substance Abuse
- DSHS - Developmental Disabilities
- DSHS - Long Term Care

- DSHS - Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Home Care Quality Authority
- Department of Health - Health Professions Licensing
- DSHS - Payments to Other Agencies
- Office of Administrative Hearings
- DSHS - Administration & Support Services
- DSHS - Information System Services

[Michael Bezanson, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7449](#)

- Department of Early Learning
- Department of Employment Security
- DSHS - Child Support Services
- DSHS - Children & Family Services
- DSHS - Economic Services
- PSEA
- VRDE
- Department of Labor and Industries
- Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals

[Dean Carlson, Revenue Analyst - 786-7305](#)

- Revenue Policy Issues
- Board of Tax Appeals
- Caseload Forecast Council
- Department of Revenue
- Economic & Revenue Forecast Council
- Liquor Control Board

[Dianne Criswell, Revenue Counsel - 786-7433](#)

- Gambling Commission
- Horse Racing Commission
- State Lottery Commission

[Elaine Deschamps, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7441](#)

- Basic Health Plan
- Health Care Authority (including administration)
- DSHS - Medical Assistance
- Department of Health
- Health Services Account

[Elise Greef, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7708](#)

- Public Schools (K-12 Education)
- Superintendent of Public Instruction

[Jenny Greenlee, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7711](#)

- Arts Commission
- Board of Accountancy
- Commission on African-American Affairs
- Commission on Asian-American Affairs
- Commission on Hispanic Affairs
- Department of Financial Institutions
- Department of Licensing (non-transportation portion)
- Department of Printing
- Eastern Washington Historical Society

- Human Rights Commission
- Minority & Women's Business Enterprises
- Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
- Office on Indian Affairs
- School for the Blind
- School for the Deaf
- Washington State Historical Society
- Commission on Judicial Conduct
- Courts:
 - Court of Appeals
 - Law Library
 - Office of the Administrator for the Courts
 - Office of Civil Legal Aid
 - Office of Public Defense
 - Supreme Court
- Military Department
- State Patrol (non-transportation portion)

[Maria Hovde, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7710](#)

- Columbia River Gorge Commission
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Ecology
- Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Department of Natural Resources
- Environmental Hearings Office
- Growth Management Hearings Board
- Interagency Commission for Outdoor Recreation
- Department of Health - Environmental Health Programs
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Pollution Liability Insurance Agency
- Puget Sound Partnership
- State Conservation Commission

[Steve Jones, Budget Counsel - 786-7440](#)

- Attorney General
- House of Representatives
- Insurance Commissioner
- Joint Legislative Audit & Review Committee
- Joint Legislative Systems Committee
- LEAP Committee
- Office of Financial Management
- Office of the Governor
- Office of the Lieutenant Governor
- Public Disclosure Commission
- Secretary of State
- Senate
- Special Appropriations to the Governor
- State Auditor
- State Treasurer

- Statute Law Committee
- Sundry Claims

[Richard Ramsey, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7412](#)

- Criminal Justice Training Commission
- Department of Corrections
- DSHS - Juvenile Rehabilitation
- DSHS - Special Commitment Center
- Forensics Investigation Council
- Indeterminate Sentence Review Board
- Justice Assistance Grant (formerly Byrne Grant)
- Sentencing Guidelines Commission
- Community, Trade & Economic Development
- Utilities & Transportation Commission

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- Employee Compensation/Health Benefits
- Board for Volunteer Firefighters
- Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
- Deferred Compensation Commission
- Department of Information Systems
- Department of Personnel
- Department of Retirement Systems
- Personnel Appeals Board
- Public Employment Relations Commission
- State Actuary
- State Investment Board
- Collective Bargaining
- PEBB Benefits
- Department of Health - Environmental Health Programs

[Tim Yowell, Fiscal Analyst - 786-7435](#)

- DSHS - Mental Health
- Central Washington University
- Community and Technical Colleges
- Eastern Washington University
- Higher Education Coordinating Board
- SIRT
- The Evergreen State College
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Workforce Training & Education Board

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